

REMARKS

The Office Action of 16 May 2007 included a restriction requirement for the claims pending in the subject application.

Claims 1-33 were previously pending in the subject application. Claims 21-33 have been withdrawn without prejudice or waiver. New claims 34-42 are added by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

According to the Office Action, the claims are drawn to two groups: Group I, including claims 1-20, drawn to a laser system, classified in class 604, subclass 19; and Group II, including claims 21-33, drawn to a process for destroying bacteria, classified in class 422, subclass 22.

The Examiner required a further election, as to species, in the event that Group I was elected. Specifically, the Examiner required an election among the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

- A. Those claims directed to simultaneous transmission;
- B. Those claims directed to alternate transmission; and
- C. Those claims directed to multiplexed transmission.

By the present amendment, claims 21-33 have been withdrawn, however, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications directed to the subject matter of these withdrawn claims.

Election

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects, the claimed invention of Group I (i.e., claims 1-20 directed to laser systems) for further prosecution in the subject application. New claims 34-42 are added herein, and are system claims similar to the claims of

Group I. While claims 21-33 have been withdrawn, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation or divisional application claiming the subject matter of those claims.

Regarding the species restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects: species (A) with those claims directed to simultaneous transmission; claims 1, 2, 5-12, and 15-20 read on Species A.

Conclusion

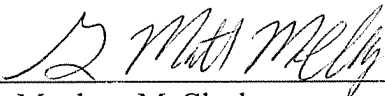
Applicants submits that the claims pending in the application are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the application.

Please charge any fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any aspect of this application or this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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